

We claim:

1. A sanitizing composition comprising:

an alcohol-based volatile biocide; and

a low-concentration, non-volatile antimicrobial agent.

2. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein said the biocide is comprised

substantially of at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, and

n-propanol.

3. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein said antimicrobial agent is comprised

substantially of triclosan (i.e., 2,4,4'-trichloro-2'-hydroxydiphenyl ether).

4. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1, wherein said antimicrobial agent is comprised

substantially of at least one agent selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride; BP1;

ceftazidime; cerulenin; cetrimide; chloramphenicol; chlorhexidine; ciprofloxacin; cis-3-decynoyl-

NAC; CPC; DBC; diflufenican; ethionamide; hexachlorophene; imipenem; isoniazid; isoxyl; L-

16a,240; phenethyl alcohol; polymyxin B; povidone-iodine; thioenodiazaborine; thiolactomycin;

thymol; and tobramycin.

5. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein said sanitizing composition is

formulated as an aerosol.

6. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a hydrogel.

7. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a lotion.

8. The sanitizing composition of Claim 1 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a liquid.

9. A sanitizing composition comprising:
a biocide comprising a volatile alcohol at a concentration of from greater than or equal to 30% to less than or equal to 70% w/w; and
at least one non-volatile antimicrobial agent that is soluble in said alcohol at a concentration of from greater than or equal to 0.001% to less than or equal to 0.1% w/w.

10. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein said the biocide is comprised substantially of at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isopropanol, and n-propanol.

11. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein said antimicrobial agent is comprised substantially of triclosan (i.e., 2,4,4'-trichloro-2'-hydroxydiphenyl ether).

12. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein said antimicrobial agent is comprised substantially of at least one agent selected from the group consisting of benzalkonium chloride; BP1; ceftazidime; cerulenin; cetrimide; chloramphenicol; chlorhexidine; ciprofloxacin; cis-3-decynoyl-NAC; CPC; DBC; diflufenican; ethionamide; hexachlorophene; imipenem; isoniazid; isoxyzil; L-16a,240; phenethyl alcohol; polymyxin B; povidone-iodine; thioenodiazaborine; thiolactomycin; thymol; and tobramycin.

13. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein said sanitizing composition is formulated as an aerosol.

14. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a hydrogel.

15. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a lotion.

16. The sanitizing composition of Claim 9 wherein the sanitizing composition is formulated as a liquid.

17. Use of an alcohol-based volatile biocide and at least one low-concentration, non-violate microbial agent in the preparation of a sanitizing composition for consumer and surgical use.